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to do this. I just think that they're not prepared enough to do it and I, in all good conscience, cannot vote for the...on Final Reading for this bill. The A bill also concerns me. There were some miscommunications among the staff, no communication among the senators, and the first year LB 1033A is \$8,104 and the second year it's \$13,688, and this comes from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund. We had another one that was taken from the Cash Fund and that is... I think that we are looking for other funds so that the Governor won't veto our A bill. understand that LB 1033 is seed money for the licensing of EMTs. No other group gets seed money. They start out with fees and they make do and they fund their own licenses with their own money, and therefore I'm going to vote against that because I don't want us to raid the Health Care Cash Fund any more. There's not going to be anything left for interest to accrue on that. I would urge you to not vote for LB 1033A. You can do what you feel like on LB 1033. That's up to you and how you view your shortage in nursing in the state of Nebraska. But as for LB 1033A, I would urge you to vote against that and let the licensure start out with their own fees and work with their own budget rather than raiding our Health Care Cash Fund. I do plan to pull this motion but there are a couple of other people who want to talk on this and, therefore, I will wait to pull it until they have spoken. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the opening. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would yield my time to Senator Wickersham, please.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Senator Erdman.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I'm...two issues; one the primary issue with this bill. Senator Suttle is right, emergency medical treatment in the field is different than emergency medical treatment or other treatment in a hospital. They are different but the bill doesn't assume that the EMT-I's or the EMT-P's that will be working in a hospital if they're hired aren't going to be properly trained to deliver whatever level of care their